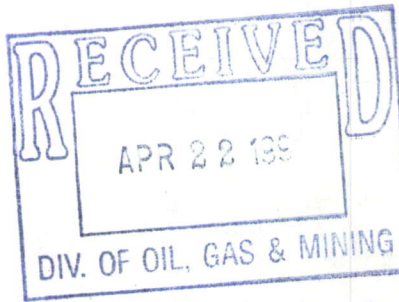


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April 16, 1996

MICHAEL R BROWN, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER
CONTINENTAL LIME, INC.
3950 S 700 E SUITE 301
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84107

Dear Mr. Brown:

On April 2, 1996, Continental Lime, Inc., and Bureau of Land Management met to discuss a Plan of Operations prepared by Steffen Robertson and Kirsten, Consulting Engineers and Scientists. The Plan was submitted at that time, and on April 4, 1996, revised copies of Drawings 3-1, 3-2, and 5-1 were received in this office. The Plan is assigned to case file UTU-70556. Please use this number in your correspondence.

The Plan is being reviewed by my staff, and was considered as properly filed as of April 4, 1996. As the NEPA document is prepared to address significance, or lack thereof, and to analyze impacts caused by the proposed mining, additional information and/or clarification may be necessary. Participation of Continental Lime's staff in the NEPA analysis is requested to facilitate preparation of the document.

As required by Federal regulations, 43 CFR 3809.1-6, the Authorized Officer, BLM, has 30 days from the date of receipt of a plan of operations to complete the NEPA review and to approve the Plan with any necessary stipulations. The review period may be extended 60 days if additional time is required to approve the Plan. The review period could be extended more than 90 days if consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act and/or the Endangered Species Act is necessary.

As discussed at the meeting, Continental Lime agreed to contract the preparation of the NEPA document and the cultural resource inventory. An Environmental Assessment is required under 43 CFR 3809.2-1, and a cultural resource inventory is required under 3809.1-6(c). A BLM-approved archaeologist must be used for the inventory, and a list of such professionals has been sent to Jeff Parshley. The threatened and endangered species inventories will be completed by BLM specialists.

Roy Edmonds will be the team leader for the NEPA document. He is preparing a Memorandum of Understanding between Continental Lime and BLM for the preparation of the NEPA analysis by a third party

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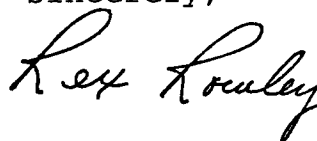
contractor. The contractor must be approved by the Authorized Officer. Roy may be contacted at:

Richfield District
Bureau of Land Management
150 East 900 North
Richfield, Utah 84701
(801) 896-8221

Finally, when the bond cost estimate is developed for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, State of Utah, please forward a copy to this office for my staff's review.

We appreciate the time to meet with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rex Rowley".

Rex Rowley
Area Manager

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